

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner imposes an election for examination on the merits between:

Species I, FIGs. 1-14, claims 1-10; and

Species II, FIG. 15, claims 11-15.

Election:

Applicants respectfully elect Species I, FIGs. 1-14, claims 1-10, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits. The Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application for any non-elected subject matter in this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that such election is fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 6, 2008. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

If there are any associated or additional charges with respect to this Response, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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